Promotion of pre-primary children in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†39. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision that children enrolled in Kendriya Vidyalayas at pre-primary level will not be promoted to class I automatically;

(b) if so, the justification for such a decision; and

(c) whether such a decision will adversely affect the education of children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has taken a decision that automatic admission to class I with effect from academic session 2007-08, is to be discontinued, as pre-primary classes are self-financed and are not part of the original KVS scheme, and since admission to class I are needed to be made based on the priority specified in the admission guidelines. Preference is, however, given within the same category to those who have studied in the pre-primary class of the same school.

(c) No, Sir.

Guidelines for foreign educational institutions

†40. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines regarding operation of foreign educational institutions in the country and fixation of norms and fee for admission in such institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of such foreign educational institutions which have been permitted to operate in the country?

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